

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 581

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Warrant Officer James Jackson for forty-two years of meritorious service in the United States Army.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer James Jackson has served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism both in the U.S. Army and in society today; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greenback, CW-5 Jackson joined the U.S. Army in 1964 as an enlisted radio repairman; he now has more time in federal service than any other warrant officer in the U.S. Army Ordinance Corps; and

WHEREAS, CW-5 Jackson's first duty station was in Mannheim, Germany, with the 504th Signal Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he served in Vietnam, taking his brother's spot when he came up on orders; he volunteered to serve since two males in the same family could not go to war at the same time in those days, and he was pinned buck sergeant while in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, shortly after returning, he earned his staff sergeant's stripes in 1969; in 1980, he was directly appointed to become a warrant officer; and

WHEREAS, since then, he has moved expertly and deftly through a variety of assignments, including three tours in Korea and participation in Desert Storm/Desert Shield; while in Korea, he served as the S-4, Chief of Maintenance at 1st Signal Brigade; and

WHEREAS, despite having to overcome many trials, including two serious car wrecks and being diagnosed with cancer, CW-5 Jackson has persevered with much bravery of spirit, becoming Chief of the Warrant Officer Training Division at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, CW-5 Jackson was called to Washington, D.C., from Alabama to sit on a board reviewing and recommending warrants for promotion; and

WHEREAS, currently, CW-5 Jackson serves with distinction as the Senior Electronic Systems Maintenance Technician at 5th Signal Command in Mannheim; he is the officer in charge of the Command Logistics Review Program, which involves inspecting the logistics of the command's battalions throughout Europe; and

WHEREAS, those privileged to know James Jackson describe him as a wise leader who is knowledgeable in countless areas; and

WHEREAS, CW-5 Jackson is most grateful for the love and support of his wife of thirty-nine years, Joanne, and their two daughters and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer James Jackson will retire in 2008 with forty-three years of active duty service and the respect and admiration of everyone with whom he has served in the United States Army; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Chief Warrant Officer James Jackson for his outstanding service to his State and country in the United States Army and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.